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IMPLEMENTATION OF CONDITIONAL ACCESS SYSTEM IN CHENNAI
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Conditional Access System (CAS) has been implemented in some metropolitan cities including Chennai;

(b) if so, whether any measures are being taken to introduce the same in other parts of the country as well;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND CULTURE (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY)

(a): The Conditional Access System (CAS) is currently under implementation in Chennai City only.

(b) to (d): Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has furnished its recommendations dated 01.10.2004 on the issues relating to Broadcasting and distribution of TV Channels which, inter-alia, deals with issues of addressability (CAS), pricing and promotion of competition in the distribution of TV Channels. These recommendations are currently under consideration in consultation with States/UTs and other stakeholders. Further the issue of implementation of CAS in Delhi, Mumbai and Kolkatta is currently pending for adjudication before Delhi High Court.